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Mr. Roger W. Jones  
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Dear Mr. Jones:

With your letter of July 29 you forwarded the redraft of an Executive Order entitled, "Agency Procedures in Support of the National Security Council." I am pleased to give you the views of this Agency with respect to this matter.

The redraft reflects some of the comments and suggestions made in my letter of July 15 to Mr. William F. Finen, and to that extent we feel that it is an improvement on the earlier draft. However, there are certain points we wish to raise for further consideration. We are not aware of the reasons for including Section 1, and, unless there are compelling circumstances, we believe it would be preferable to omit this Section entirely.

Section 3 contains the heart of the Order and, consequently, should be most carefully considered. We still feel that the scope of the Board's responsibility as set forth in the opening phrases of Section 3 may be too broad, although, of course, you have included the saving clause, "unless the President shall otherwise direct." We suggest for consideration that this might be changed from the negative to the positive to read, "when the President shall so direct." Starting at Section 3(a), we recommend consideration of the following language in place of that set forth in this redraft:

- "(a) Coordinate execution of such policy,
- (b) coordinate development by the agencies concerned of detailed operational plans to carry out the approved policy, (c) facilitate the timely and coordinated carrying out of such plans, (d) provide continued guidance for changes in operational plans within the framework of national security policies in response to opportunity and changes in the situation, and (e) assist the responsible agencies so that their execution of each project or action will assure that it will

make its full contribution to the particular  
objective the United States is seeking to  
achieve in the world."

The remainder of the Order deals with technical matters to  
which there is no objection on our part. The nature and extent  
of the assistance to be furnished to the Board by this Agency under  
Section 5 will be a matter for discussion upon establishment of the  
Board.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ALLEN W. DULLES

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